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In re application of

Jean-Luc GALZI et al.

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Serial No. 09/445,205

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USE OF A FLUORESCENT PROTEIN
FOR DETECTING INTERACTION
BETWEEN A TARGET PROTEIN AND
ITS LIGAND

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This responds to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment issued July 24, 2001.

The notice indicates that the response filed July 17, 2001, lacks a marked-up version of the replacement paragraphs, and also lacks a marked-up version of the amended claims.

However, it is believed that those indications are in error. The response filed July 17, 2001, consisted of 23 pages of amendment and remarks, followed by 20 pages of marked-up sheets of the original specification and claims, followed by a 36 page attachment with figures and data. This is evidenced by the date-stamped postcard receipt, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Perhaps the marked-up sheets were separated from the amendment in the mailroom, or perhaps they were overlooked,

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because they were sandwiched between the 23 page amendment and the 36 page attachment.

In any event, we attach hereto another complete copy of all papers that were filed on July 17, 2001. It is believed that all formal requirements imposed by Rule 121 have been satisfied, and that examination on the merits of the present application can proceed. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for three months

AMENDMENT in response to o.A. of January 17, 2001

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of January 17, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 5, insert the following:

--This application is a Section 371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/FR98/01136 filed on June 4, 1998.--.

Page 11, replace the paragraph beginning on line 11 as follows:

--The term GFP indicates a protein represented by the sequence SEQ ID NO:2 coded for the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID NO:1 given in Figure 1, and which emits a fluorescence once it is expressed in cells. GFPs with substitutions, additions or deletions of amino acids which have an influence either on the fluorescence properties or on the degree of expression of the GFP are referred to as GFP mutants.--.